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In re U.S. Patent Application of:  
Burgess

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For: **Deck Mounting Bracket**

Examiner: A. Sterling

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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/154,244, filed May 23, 2002, now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each reference cited is enclosed herein.

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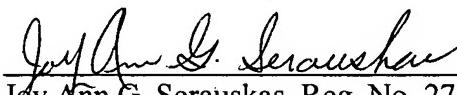
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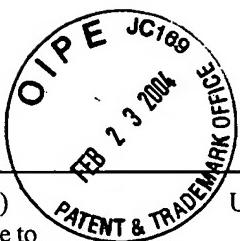
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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